

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 13-18, 23, 26, 29 and 30 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 13, 18, 23, 26, 29 and 30 are amended, and claims 19-22, 24, 25, 27 and 28 are canceled. Reconsideration in view of the above amendments and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Applicant appreciates the indication in the Office Action that claims 21 and 22 would be allowable if placed in independent form. By this Amendment, claims 19 and 22 have been incorporated into claim 13, thereby placing claim 22 in allowable form. In addition, claim 13 specifies that the apparatus is to be worn on the body for the production and detection of fluorescence at or below a skin surface. Claim 13 also recites a housing containing the light source, detector and reflector, which housing is configured to be worn on the body.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that all the claims are patentable and that the entire application is in condition for allowance.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Account No. 14-1140 under Order No. PTB-141-453.

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Should the Examiner believe that anything further is desirable to place the application in better condition for allowance, he is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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